Industries taken out of purview of MRTP Act/FERA

921 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 52 more groups of industries have been taken out of the purview of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act/Foreign Exchange Regulation Act;

(b) if so, what are the groups which still remain under the purview of these acts.

(c) whether this has been done on certain conditions,

(d) if so, what are those conditions, and

(e) whether any company has been found to have violated these conditions; if so, the details thereof and the action taken, if any, against such companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d) By a Notification No S O.65(E) dated 21-2-1986, copy of which was placed on the Table of the House on 28-2-1986, Government have under the provisions of Section 22A of the MRTP Act, 1969, exempted 52 industries for which MRTP companies would not have to seek Government approval under sections 21 or 22 of the said Act The conditions under which such exemption is available are spelt out in the said Notification.

FERA companies, however, have to obtain clearance under the FERA in respect of these groups of industries

(e) No such case has come to the notice of the Government. In any case, exemption is available to MRTP companies only on fulfilment of the conditions specified in this behalf

New Regions for Oil and Natural Gas Production

922 SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new regions having the potential for 'Oil and natural gas' have been identified in the country recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the country is likely to become self-sufficient in the production of oil and natural gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir During April-October, Soil and gas have been discovered in the following regions :

State/Region	Location	Oil/Gas
Onland		
Assam	Borbil	Oil
	Dirok	Oil
	Hapjan	Oil
Arunachal Pradesh	Kumon ri	Oil & Gas
	Kharsang	Oil
Tripura	Agartala Dome	Gas
Tamilnadu	Bhavnagri	Oil & Gas
Offshore		
Western Offshore	B-132	Oil & Gas
	B-80	Oil & Gas
	B-134	Oil & Gas
	C-22	Gas
	C-24	Gas
Eastern Offshore	GS-16-2	Oil & Gas

(c) At present, requirement of gas is being met, as exploration for hydrocarbons is highly probablistic in nature it is not possible to indicate with any degree of certainity as to when self-sufficiency in production of oil will be achieved.

Applications for allotment of Agencies for Petrol Pump, LPG and Petroleum Product

923. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI . Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications for allotment of Petrol